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FACTSHEET 1

BASING F-35A LIGHTNING II FORMAL TRAINING UNIT AT KINGSLEY FIELD AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON – ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSIS PROCESS

What's Inside This Fact Sheet?

- An overview of the Purpose and Need for the Proposed Action.
- An overview of the Environmental Impact Analysis Process and opportunities for public involvement.
- An explanation of how to submit written comments.
- Date and location of the upcoming public scoping meeting.

The National Guard Bureau (NGB) and the Department of the Air Force (DAF) invite the public to learn about the proposal to locate one formal training unit (FTU) squadron of F-35A Lightning II aircraft at the 173d Fighter Wing (173 FW) at Kingsley Field in Klamath Falls, Oregon. You are invited to attend an informational meeting to learn more about this proposal, ask questions, and to submit comments.

What is the Proposed Action?

The proposal is the beddown, operation, and associated infrastructure construction of one FTU squadron of F-35A aircraft at the 173 FW. These aircraft would replace the aging F-15C/D fighter aircraft at 173 FW. The No Action Alternative is also considered as required by 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 1502.14(c). Under the No Action Alternative, the 173 FW would retain the F 15C/D aircraft and continue flying that mission indefinitely. The facility and infrastructure construction required for continuing this mission will also be evaluated in this Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Why is the Proposed Action Necessary?

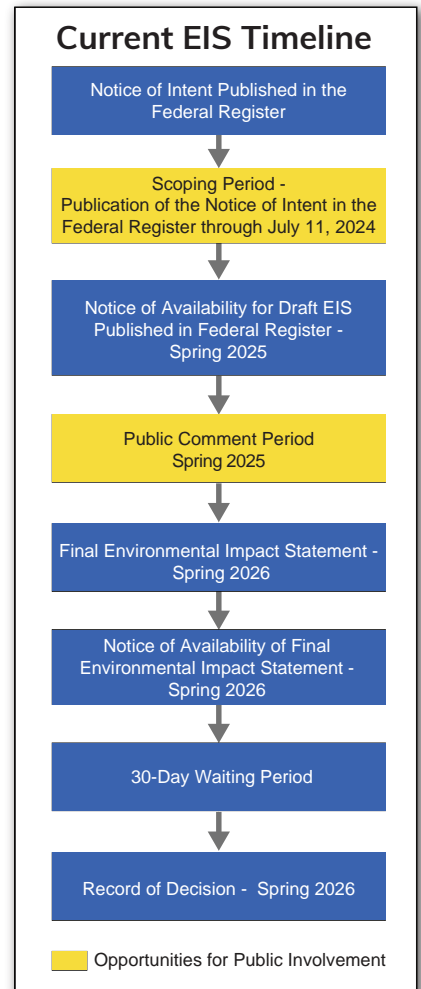
The purpose of the Proposed Action is to maintain combat capability and mission readiness for the ANG's

173 FW in Klamath Falls, Oregon. Beddown and operation of the F-35A to replace the aging F 15C/D fleet at the 173 FW would enable this goal. This beddown action and associated training would ensure availability of combat-ready pilots in the most advanced fighter aircraft in the world. The F-15C/D fleet is reaching the end of its service life.

The F-15C/D aircraft currently based at the Kingsley Field ANG installation face increased maintenance issues due to the age of the aircraft that limit flying ability. The fighter aircraft need to be replaced due to attrition, decreasing service life, and because new F-15C/D aircraft are no longer being manufactured.

The National Environmental Policy Act

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is our national charter for making informed decisions based upon potential environmental consequences. NEPA requires all federal agencies to take a good-faith, hard look at potential environmental consequences of a proposal before making a decision. The NGB is preparing a detailed study that will analyze the potential environmental consequences of this proposal. The anticipated schedule of this process is shown in the timeline.



Public Involvement

Public involvement is an integral part of the NEPA process, which requires full disclosure of potential environmental impacts to the public and encourages public involvement in the process. The public has an important role in providing input during this process to help the NGB make more informed decisions about implementation of this proposal. The first opportunity for public involvement is the process called “public scoping. The scoping period for this EIS began with the publication of the Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS, and will formally extend through July 11, 2024.

Please note that by including your name and address on correspondence, it may be used to compile a mailing list for distributing future information regarding this EIS. Names may appear in the EIS, but phone numbers, email addresses, and physical addresses will not be published.

Public Scoping Meeting

The public scoping meeting will be held in-person locally at: **Crater Lake-Klamath Regional Airport, 3000 Airport Way, Klamath Falls, OR 97603, Wednesday June 26, 2024, 5:00-7:00 p.m. PDT.**

Materials presented at the meeting can also be viewed online after the Notice of Intent is published.

Comments can also be submitted online via the website below.

Written Scoping Comments are Welcome!

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Please send written comments by the end of the public comment period on July 11, 2024, to ensure that your comments are addressed in the Draft EIS. Comments received after the close of the public comment period will be reviewed but may not be specifically addressed in the Draft EIS.

Comments may be submitted by:

- Attending the scoping meeting and providing written comments at that time.
- Via the project website at www.kingsleyfieldf35EIS.com
- Via the project email at NGB.A4.A4A.NEPA.COMMENTS.Org@us.af.mil
- By U.S. Mail to: EIS Project Manager, National Guard Bureau, NGB/A4FR, Shepperd Hall, 3501 Fetchet Avenue, Joint Base Andrews MD 20762-5157.